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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MAYOR OF FLORENCE TO UNITED STATES

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM NOVEMBER 2, 1976 PANORAMA ARTICLE AND SUBSEQUENT ITALIAN AND AMERICAN PRESS PLAY AND FOLLOW-UP ARTICLES, MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF "FACT" THAT MAYOR GABBIGLIANI WOULD BE THE FIRST ITALIAN COMMUNIST MAYOR TO VISIT THE U.S. I THINK IT MIGHT BE WELL TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. RATHER, FROM APPROXIMATELY APRIL ONE THROUGH APRIL 15, 1974, PCI MAYOR TITO BARBINI OF CORTONA VISITED ATHENS AND ATLANTA GEORGIA AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AND THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA. FOLLOWING THE USUAL WAIVER PROCEDURE, THIS CONSULATE ISSUED A VISA FOR THAT VISIT.

2. INVITATION TO ATHENS (SEAT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA) WAS ISSUED BY UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PRESIDENT FRED C. DAVISON AND SECONDED IN A SEPARATE LETTER FROM THOMAS E. STRICKLAND, PRESIDENT OF THE ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THESE INVITATIONS AND THE VISIT WERE ARRANGED IN APPRECIATION OF THE MANY THINGS MAYOR BARBINI HAD DONE TO FACILITATE THE ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM IN CORTONA OF STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM IS STILL CONTINUING WITH APPROXIMATELY 90 STUDENTS ATTENDING EACH SUMMER.

3. ON HIS RETURN FROM GEORGIA, N. MAYOR BARBINI TOLD ME THAT ALL CONCERNED HAD BEEN EXTREMELY WARM AND COURTEOUS TO HIM AND THAT HE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE MORE THAN HOUR-LONG SESSION HE HAD WITH UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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